

To the Members of the California State Senate:

I am returning Senate Bill 812 without my signature.

This bill is substantively similar to SB 1006 (Soto), which I vetoed last year.

I strongly support increasing technology access in schools, but this bill is not necessary to achieve that objective. The California Department of Education (CDE) currently collects data on technology access and instructional integration in the schools using the California Technology Survey and the California Technology Assistance Project/EdTechProfile Website. I am concerned that creating a different reporting tool may place duplicative reporting requirements on schools. Nothing precludes the CDE from modifying the data elements collected through these existing efforts, if data collected does not provide sufficient information. Since these changes could be done without legislative authority, I will have my Secretary of Education work with Superintendent O'Connell to coordinate any effort to facilitate the collection of technology data.

Therefore, I am unable to sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Arnold Schwarzenegger